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Duke University
DURHAM
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School of Law
Office of Librarian
Reply to Undersigned

October 6, 1939

Mr. Dillard Gardner, Librarian,
Supreme Court Library,
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I sent copies of our tentative draft of suggested lists of books for bar libraries as you requested in your recent memo.

Within the next few days, I shall begin work on the revision of the lists so as to have them ready for the October meeting of our Library Association. Was it definitely decided that we should meet in Raleigh on the day of the meeting of the State Bar, Inc., or was that left to the discretion of our distinguished president? If so, what is the decision? In case we meet in Raleigh, do you think it advisable to have a number of copies of our lists available for distribution? I am again writing each member of the Library Committee of the State Bar for any further suggestions he may have before we proceed with the revising. Please let me have the benefit of your opinion.

Mr. Merrimon of Asheville is very much interested in a medium of exchange for duplicate material among North Carolina libraries. I wrote him today that we would be glad to act as the exchange center, and outlined briefly something of the procedure necessary to inaugurate the plan. It will be easier to talk to you about it, and I shall do so the first time I see you. Knowledge of the location of duplicate material, and the willingness of the libraries owning it to dispose of it to other libraries may aid us effectively in encouraging the establishment of bar libraries in the state. At any rate, it will be right nice for you, as Chairman of the Library Committee of the Bar and president of our Library Association, to include this arrangement in your report to the Bar. Do you not think so? In writing to the different members of the Library Committee of the Bar, I shall ask their opinion of the establishing of a medium of exchange for duplicate material among North Carolina libraries, and state our willingness to act in this capacity.

Please thank Mrs. Gardner for the precious picture of the baby she sent me. Are we to have the pleasure of seeing the young lady when we come to Raleigh? Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Gardner.

With every good wish for each of you always,

Sincerely,

Mary S. Covington
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